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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir

In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application and before the issuance of the first Office Action, no fee is deemed necessary.

I. U.S. PATENTS

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4,521,564 to Solomon et al.	Covalent Bonded Antithrombogenic Polyurethane Material	June 4, 1985
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4,331,697 to Kudo et al.	Novel Heparin Derivative, Method For Production Thereof, and Method For Rendering Biomedical Materials Antithrombotic by Use of the Novel Heparin Derivative	May 25, 1982
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5,244,654 to Narayanan	Radiofrequency Plasma Biocompatibility Treatment of Inside Surfaces of Medical Tubing and the Like	September 14, 1993
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5,451,424 to Solomon et al. Anti-Infective and Antithrombogenic Medical Articles and Method For Their Preparation

September 19, 1995

II. FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

Country/ Publication No.	<u>Title</u>	Publication Date
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PCT WO 90/00343	Multifunctional Thrombo-Resistant Coatings and Methods of Manufacture	January 25, 1990
PCT WO 91/15952	Gas Permeable Thrombo-Resistant Coatings and Methods of Manufacture	October 31, 1991
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- 6. In Vivo Nonthrombogenicity of Heparin Immobilized Polymer Surfaces.

Copies of each of these references have been previously been submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the related application, U.S. Serial No. 08/713,800. Copies of references not previously submitted are submitted herewith and are denoted by an asterisk (*). Accordingly, the Examiner is invited to refer to such prior applications for copies of each of the references.

All of the references listed above are also listed on Applicant's Substitute Form PTO-1449 which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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